

## 5929 - SUPPORT

To the Chair and Members of the Committee:

I write this letter as a female Rhode Islander, mother of 2, lawyer, and concerned constituent. Doula services provide women with critical advocacy and support for prenatal, birth, postpartum, and infant care. Such services are particularly important for the physical and mental health of birthing women and infants in our black communities. Providing coverage for doula services through both government and private insurance can save money by reducing costs associated with pregnancy and birth complications. Simply, this is a policy that makes good sense.

Future mothers and babies are relying on your vote in favor of this bill, to move it out of committee and pass it on the floor. If you believe that Black Lives Matter, including black mothers and babies, you will vote for this bill with conviction.

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